REMARKS

Claims 1-59 are pending. Claims 30 and 49-59 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-17, 19-30, 32-36 and 41-48 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,229,764 to Matchett, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,280,527 to Gullman, et al. Claims 5 and 31 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,229,764 to Matchett, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,280,527 to Gullman, et al and further in view of U.S. Patent no. 5,655,116 to Kirk, et al. Claims 18 and 37-40 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,229,764 to Matchett, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,280,527 to Gullman, et al and further in view of European Patent No. 598469 to Dunlevy. Claims 49-59 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,229,764 to Matchett, et al. in view of applicant's admitted prior art and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,280,527 to Gullman, et al.

Reconsideration is requested. No new matter is added. The rejections are traversed. Claims 1-59 are canceled. Claims 60-70 are added. Claims 60-70 remain in the case for consideration.

In light of new claims 60-70 presented in this case and the cancellation of the previously pending claims, reconsideration is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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